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SUBJECT: NATHALIE COX LILLY,
nee Nathalie Cox,
aka: Mrs. Alfred Lilly
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(JFK)INTERVIEW WITH ALFRED AND NATHALIE LILLY

On September 20, 1954, ALFRED LILLY, 432 West 5th Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, Phone Plainfield 6-7767, telephonically contacted SA BILL WILLIAMS and advised that he had some information concerning a person whom he suspected of being a Communist.

On September 20, 1954, SA BILL WILLIAMS interviewed ALFRED LILLY and his wife, NATHALIE LILLY, nee COX.

ALFRED stated that for six months or more, LENORE KANTOR, who works at UNITED PLUMBING AND SUPPLY COMPANY, 35 West Front Street, Plainfield, N.J., as a secretary, has been visiting their home and is very friendly with NATHALIE. He said that KANTOR is very good to his children and often brings them books and gifts, but he believes that she is a Communist. He feels this way because of literature which she distributes, which literature is written by CP leaders, and some of which concerns race and labor agitation. He said KANTOR does not believe in God and often argues this point with his wife, who firmly believes in God. He advised that KANTOR drops into their home on almost any occasion to see his wife. He stated that he would be interested in stopping these visits if at all possible.

NATHALIE LILLY advised that she first met KANTOR at a civic function of some sort and since then KANTOR has tried to make herself a friend of NATHALIE. She stated that she believes KANTOR is a Communist for the same reasons as does her husband. She said that KANTOR apparently confides

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in her on many matters, with the exception of KANTOR's possible Communist activities. NATHALIE also knows of the KANTOR family. NATHALIE furnished the following information regarding KANTOR:

LENORE KANTOR's family are well aware that LENORE is a Communist, and they are bitterly against Communism but their love for LENORE keeps them from making her leave home. They often speak of how bad it is that LENORE thinks as she does, according to LENORE. LENORE's father, ~~ABRAHAM KANTOR~~, owns the UNITED PLUMBING AND SUPPLY COMPANY. LENORE's mother, is ~~ROSE KANTOR~~. LENORE's two brothers are ~~MARVIN KANTOR~~ and ~~NORMAN KANTOR~~. MARVIN is partially paralysed and NORMAN once ran for Plainfield City Council. LENORE was in love with a man who lives in Mexico, but a girl from the New York-New Jersey area was going to marry him, names unknown. LENORE spends much of her time distributing the literature and booklets described by ALFRED LILLY. In the Fall of 1953, Mrs. LILLY told LENORE that she (Mrs. LILLY) was going to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for a visit. LENORE gave her \$50.00 and told her to stop at Chicago, Illinois, and attend a conference of the National Negro Congress, which was being held there. Mrs. LILLY registered at the conference but did not stay for the meetings. Apparently, LENORE seems to have all the money she needs.

The Bureau's jurisdiction in Internal Security matters was explained to the LILLYs. Mrs. LILLY said that she would continue friendly relations with LENORE and would see if she could determine any of LENORE's activities in the field of Communism, and would advise the Newark Office.

It is noted that LENORE KANTOR is the subject of an SM-C investigation in the Newark Office, Bureau file 100-367098, Newark file 100-31013. KANTOR's file reflects that she was a member of the CP as late as 1950, at which time the informant left the Party, and LENORE has been a member of the CP since about 1945. The file also shows that she has recently been in Mexico, where she met ~~WALTER HILLSLEY~~, alleged agent of the Chinese Communist Government.

The information in the file corroborated the information furnished by Mrs. LILLY.

Mrs. LILLY appears to be a high type Negro woman, has a high school education, and appears to be very intelligent and sincere in cooperating with the FBI.

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Background information regarding the LILLYs is as follows:

Name: ALFRED LILLY
Date of Birth: 11/14/15
Place of Birth: Jersey City, N.J.
Race: Negro
Education: Plainfield High School
(one year only)
Military Service: U.S. Army 1942-44
Employment: The Great Atlantic and Pacific
Tea Company,
605 West Front Street,
Plainfield, N.J.
(past 8 years)
In Produce Department from
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Telephone PL - 6 - 9828.

Height: 6'2"
Weight: 190 lbs.

Name: NATHALIE LILLY
Date of Birth: 4/19/15
Place of Birth: Plainfield, N.J.
Race: Negro
Education: Graduated Plainfield High School,
1935
Employment: Cornell--Dublier,
South Plainfield, N.J.
In Winding Department
from 4:30 P.M. to 12:00 midnight

Previous Employments:
Art Color Printers,
Washington Avenue,
Dunellen, N.J.
(about 3 months during World War II);
Camp Kilmer,
Stelton, N.J.
(in Post Exchange, during World War II);
Frederick Douglas Hospital,
Lombard Street,
Philadelphia (now merged with Mercy
Hospital, Philadelphia)
(Student dietician during World War II)

Height: 5'4"
Weight: 140 lbs.
Build: Stocky
Complexion: Medium

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CHECK OF NEWARK FILES

No identifiable information was contained in the files of the Newark Office re NATHALIE or ALFRED LILLY.

BIRTH DATA

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the State of New Jersey, State House, Trenton, New Jersey, as checked on September 22, 1954, by SA JOSEPH W. LUCCA, reflected the following information regarding NATHALIE COX:

Birth: 4/19/15, Plainfield, N.J.
to FITZMERALL COX,
born British West Indies,
and REBECCA SMITH, *N.J.*
born Furman, Alabama

NATHALIE COX's mother was age 29 at the time and was a housewife. NATHALIE's father was age 31 at the time and was employed as a tailor.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

The records of the Plainfield Credit Bureau, Plainfield, N.J., were checked on September 29, 1954, by SE CLIFFORD M. WERNER, and the records contained a report dated April 8, 1948, reflecting that NATHALIE LILLY was then employed at Art Color Printing Company in the Bindery Department, and that credit accounts at Plainfield banks and financial companies were satisfactory. There was no derogatory information.

Sergeant E. FLYNN checked the records in the Plainfield Police Department on September 29, 1954, and advised SE CLIFFORD M. WERNER that there was no information regarding NATHALIE LILLY or ALFRED LILLY.

Form FD-9 requesting an Identification Record for NATHALIE LILLY and ALFRED LILLY has been submitted to the Identification Division.

INFORMANT CHECKS

The following informants reported that NATHALIE LILLY and ALFRED LILLY are unknown to them:

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NK 1854-S, contacted October 13, 1954, by SA WINFRED ELDER JESTER.

NK 1916-S, contacted October 11, 1954, by SA BILL WILLIAMS.

Other informant checks will be made.

Additional background information regarding the subject will be obtained.

CONTACT WITH NATHALIE LILLY ON OCTOBER 12, 1954

On October 12, 1954, NATHALIE LILLY was contacted by SAs BILL WILLIAMS and ROBERT J. KIRWAN to secure additional information regarding her background. She advised that she is presently Corresponding Secretary of the Plainfield Chapter of the NAACP, but that she knows of no Communist infiltration. She advised that she has seen LENORE KANTOR two times since September 20, 1954, having seen her on October 12, 1954. She said that just prior to the contact by the Agents on October 12, 1954, LENORE had brought a letter to her, which letter protested against Universal Military Training. LENORE wanted her to send the letter to the Editor of the Plainfield newspaper with NATHALIE's name as the author. NATHALIE told LENORE that she would think it over. NATHALIE advised that she does not think she will send the letter to the editor as it might jeopardize her position.

The Agents were impressed with NATHALIE's intelligence, cooperation, and viewpoint, and feel that she is in a good position to furnish information of interest to the Bureau, especially regarding LENORE KANTOR. It is also felt that she may be activated into the CP or a Communist front organization.

Authority is requested to contact NATHALIE LILLY as a PSI. It is not believed that ALFRED LILLY is in a position to furnish information, inasmuch as LENORE KANTOR does not get along with him too well.